

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 798

By Bunch

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Kaylee Radzynski of Cleveland, Tennessee and her Tunes 4 the Troops project.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, American citizens have, throughout the years, willingly forsaken the comforts and securities of inaction by taking up arms against the enemies of this great Nation, risking their lives and leaving their loved ones behind to honorably safeguard the freedoms and liberties guaranteed to all citizens of these United States and vanquishing those who threaten our way of life; and

WHEREAS, proudly upholding the ideal of the citizen soldier, an essential tradition of American society, gallant soldiers are serving in Iraq, Afghanistan, and around the globe on our behalf, boldly and without hesitation or complaint, just as they have left behind the enduring warmth of family and home; and

WHEREAS, as these valorous soldiers endeavor to promote democracy and defend our liberties, the comforts of friends and family are far away, but one remarkable young lady from Cleveland, Tennessee, has initiated a program to bring a little home to the troops; and

WHEREAS, upon learning that troops overseas had electronic equipment but were in need of music CDs, DVDs, and books on CD, 14 year old Kaylee Radzynski decided first to send the troops her own unwanted CDs and DVDS but quickly realized that others in the community could also have donations, and, thus, "Tunes 4 the Troops" was born; and

WHEREAS, Kaylee quickly got the Tunes 4 the Troops project going by spreading the word through the school system and local media with collection points and drop-off locations set up for the CDS and DVDS; receiving a tremendous response, she hoped to collect at least 2,000 by Thanksgiving weekend; and

WHEREAS, Kaylee was greatly supported in her efforts by her mother, Stephanie, who traveled with her to Walter-Reed Army Hospital in Washington, D.C., to deliver the first collected box loads of materials to wounded soldiers recovering at the facility; future collected box loads are expected to be mailed to our armed forces overseas; and

WHEREAS, with great support from the Cleveland and Bradley County school systems and business community, Kaylee also hopes to make Tunes 4 the Troops a national project and hopes to mail out over 500,000 within one year; and

WHEREAS, an active member of the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps since 2002, Kaylee Radzynski is a straight "A" honors student at Cleveland High School and plans to attend the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, after graduation and achieve her dream of becoming a member of the American armed forces in service to her country; and

WHEREAS, a very patriotic young lady, Miss Radzynski has presented the colors for many events, helped organize the "Support Our Troops" rally in April 2003, attended the departure and return ceremonies of the 278th Regimental Combat Team and was a speaker at this past year's Cleveland-Bradley Veterans Day program; and

WHEREAS, Kaylee Radzynski said she started Tunes 4 the Troops to let the brave soldiers serving around the world know who they are serving and fighting for; she noted, "It's not about supporting the war, but it's about supporting our troops."; and

WHEREAS, it is highly appropriate that we especially recognize such a noble act of kindness and patriotic support for our men and women in military service, bringing a touch of home and family to those who defend our freedom so far from our shores; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Kaylee Radzynski on her outstanding

efforts to aid our military men and women overseas with “Tunes 4 the Troops” and extend to her our best wishes on much continued success for the project and in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.